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The staff responsible for the original contacts made with radio operator and radio technician personnel has processed some five hundred applications and arrangements have been initiated to screen those who seem best qualified for the positions available. Additional clerical is being obtained to facilitate the handling of this load.

Attached, as Inclosure 1, is the Monthly Strength Report showing total military and civilian personnel assigned to the Communications Division as of 31 August, 1946.

- C. Operations. Top priority has been assigned to the recruitment and processing of Communications personnel for the Near East and for South America. 25X1A A civilian radio operator has already departed for [REDACTED] and a Diesel Engineer and the Acting Chief, Communications, Near East are scheduled to depart in mid-September. In addition, an officer has been assigned on Temporary Duty to arrange for the transfer of 25X1A of [REDACTED] in Army radio equipment presently located in [REDACTED] and other points to SSU. The equipment, supplemented by that shipped direct from Continental USA, is to be used for the radio network which is being established in the Near East by SSU for the use of the State Department. Since the deadline for the activation of the project in the Near East is 15 November, personnel reporting at the present time are being allocated to that area rather than to South America where the activation is scheduled for February.

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D. [REDACTED]

instructions and operating procedures have likewise been forwarded to overseas installations.

The Cipher Training School trained nine cryptographic clerks and three radio operators during the month of August and in addition provided special communications training to sixteen persons from various Foreign Branches, FSRO.

- E. Message Center. As anticipated in our previous report, transmission of SSU traffic to and from [REDACTED] is now handled over Navy facilities. Final arrangements were completed on 27 August and Navy procedure is now being employed by both [REDACTED] and Washington for all SSU traffic. Initial indications are that transmission time will be somewhat faster via Navy facilities.

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Total traffic handled by the Washington Message Center decreased from a total of 256,355 groups during the month of July to a total of 244,988 during the month of August. Attached, as Inclosure 2, is a chart showing total volume of traffic handled for the period 1-31 August.

F. Signal Procurement Control. Every effort is being made to procure from Army and other sources Surplus Signal equipment for use by the Communications Division, either in Continental USA or overseas.

G. Research and Engineering. Special communications equipment has been built and provided for several FSR0 projects.

II. EUROPEAN AREA

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Complete reports have been received from Mr. [REDACTED] Communications Officer, Europe, covering all aspects of communications activities in Central Europe. [REDACTED] is now inspecting all communications installations to survey personnel and equipment required and he has already investigated Message Center units from the standpoint of cryptographic security. At the SSU conference held in [REDACTED] in July, Communications Officer contacted all of the mission [REDACTED] chiefs, several of whom have taken advantage of the presence of a communications expert to make specific recommendations for requests relative to communications projects in their respective areas.

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The Communications Officer prepared a Staff Study for presentation to Chief of Staff, USFET, covering the establishment of a base in [REDACTED] (This was the base originally planned for the [REDACTED]) Final concurrence was received from Commanding General USFET on 20 August. At the present time possible sites for actual installation of the base radio station are being considered. A radio officer and four civilian radio operators reached [REDACTED] during August to implement the project. Additional personnel and equipment [REDACTED] now being assembled in the United States for shipment to [REDACTED] and the equipment previously assembled in Italy has now been transferred to [REDACTED] for disposition.

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The third communications clerk for the SSU station [REDACTED] (requested [REDACTED] late July) has been trained and processed and will leave for [REDACTED] during September. [REDACTED] An additional cryptographic [REDACTED] has been requested for [REDACTED] and two replacement clerks for [REDACTED] and one for [REDACTED] have been requested.

III. NEAR EAST

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The [REDACTED] communications clerk from [REDACTED] is temporarily serving in [REDACTED]. He will remain pending the arrival of the newly-trained clerk from Washington. Final determination of the former's status will be made on a basis of a survey of communications requirements in that area.

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MONTHLY STRENGTH REPORT

AS OF 31 AUGUST

	<u>MILITARY</u>	<u>CIVILIAN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TOTAL JULY</u>
Continental U. S.	14	85	99	100
Pending Shipment O/S	1	8	9	10
Europe	7	24	31	29
Neto	1	4	6	5
IB-SEAC	-	2	2	5
China	<u>8</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>36</u>
Total	31	159	191	185

Inclosure #1

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WASHINGTON MESSAGE CENTER

SUMMARY OF VOLUME OF TRAFFIC

AUGUST 1946

TYPE OF MESSAGE	RECEIVED		FORWARDED		TOTAL	
	MESSG/GR	GR/GRS	MESSG/GRS	GR/GRS	MESSG/GRS	GR/GRS
ALL COUNTRIES TRAFFIC RELAYED THROUGH WASHINGTON	273	28,103	386	44,567	664	72,675
COUNTRIES TRAFFIC ORIGINATING IN OR DESTINED FOR WASHINGTON	841	113,341	753	58,972	1,599	172,313
ALL COUNTRIES TRAFFIC RELAYED (EXCEPT FOR WASHINGTON)	26	891	557	1,093	81	1,944